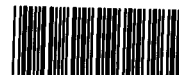


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**THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY INVITES PUBLIC  
COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN AND  
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE HOT SPOT AREA  
OF THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR SUPERFUND  
SITE IN NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently completed a Feasibility Study (FS) that evaluated cleanup alternatives to address hazardous waste contamination of sediments in the Hot Spot area of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site. Based on the FS, EPA has made a preliminary recommendation of a preferred cleanup alternative for the Hot Spot area. EPA invites public comment on all of the alternatives evaluated in the FS and the preferred alternative described in EPA's Proposed Plan.

EPA will host a public informational meeting on August 3, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whaler Inn in New Bedford to describe the FS and preferred alternative and to answer questions. A Portuguese translator will be present at the meeting. EPA will hold a 4-week public comment period from August 4 to September 1, 1989 to provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the final selection of a final cleanup plan. During the comment period, the public is invited to review the Proposed Plan and the FS, which are available at the information repositories listed below, and to offer written or oral comments to EPA. EPA will hold a public hearing on August 16, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whaler Inn to accept oral comments on the FS and Proposed Plan. A Portuguese translator will also be present at the hearing. The hearing will be transcribed and a copy of the transcript will be available at the information repositories (listed below).

EPA's preferred alternative involves dredging the contaminated sediments in the Hot Spot area and incinerating the contaminated sediments at an on-site shoreline facility. Construction is estimated to take 1 year. The project would cost approximately \$14,400,000.

The other three remedial alternatives for consideration are described in the Proposed Plan and FS. These alternatives are:

- 1) no-action;
- 2) sediment removal, solidification, and off-site disposal; and
- 3) sediment removal, solvent extraction, off-site disposal of contaminants, and on-site disposal of remaining sediments.

The Proposed Plan, site investigation studies and FS reports will be available for review during the public comment period as part of the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record includes documents that will form the basis for EPA's selection of a cleanup remedy for the Hot Spot Area of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund site. The Administrative Record for the site includes: the Community Relations Plan, fact sheets, site investigation studies, the FS, correspondence pertaining to the site, and other relevant documents. EPA encourages the public to comment on documents as they are placed in the record. The Administrative Record is available at the following locations:

<b>The New Bedford Free Library</b>	<b>EPA Records Center</b>
613 Pleasant Street	90 Canal Street, 1st Floor
New Bedford Massachusetts	Boston, Massachusetts 02114
02740	(617) 573-5929
(617) 999-6291	
Hours:	Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.,	Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; 2 p.m.-5
Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.	p.m.

If you would like to comment in writing on the FS or EPA's Proposed Plan, please mail your written comments (postmarked no later than September 1, 1989) to:

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